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*Testimonial*

You are the worm in all fruit  
the stagnation of ponds  
the drone of dark energy.

You see the doleful beetle  
the defeat at sunset  
swans black as excrement.

You find fault in everything,  
mottled skin and coughing bird  
the moth that trembles.

You are old testament  
and the throwing stone  
a locust fat on fear.

You wrote today of loneliness.  
But I did not like you then,  
I would not like you now.